

commerce for their efforts that contribute to the improvement of communities and the strengthening of local and regional economies; **Pages H6666–68**

100th Anniversary of the Founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company: H. Res. 296, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Harley-Davidson Motor Company, which has been a significant part of the social, economic, and cultural heritage of the United States and many other nations and a leading force for product and manufacturing innovation throughout the 20th century.

Pages H6668–70

Suspension Proceedings Postponed—Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act: The House completed debate on H.R. 2330, amended, to sanction the ruling Burmese military junta, to strengthen Burma's democratic forces and support and recognize the National League of Democracy as the legitimate representative of the Burmese people. Further proceedings were postponed until Tuesday, July 15.

Pages H6670–76

Motion to Instruct Conferees—Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act: Representative DeLauro announced her intention to offer a motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1308, Tax Relief, Simplification, and Equity Act to include in the conference report (1) the provision of the Senate amendment (not included in the House amendment) that provides immediate payments to taxpayers receiving an additional credit by reason of the bill in the same manner as other taxpayers were entitled to immediate payments under the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003; (2) the provision of the Senate amendment (not included in the House amendment) that provides families of military personnel serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones a child credit based on the earnings of the individuals serving in the combat zone; (3) all of the other provisions of the Senate amendment and shall not report back a conference report that includes additional tax benefits not offset by other provisions; (4) other tax benefits for military personnel and the families of the astronauts who died in the Columbia disaster. And, House conferees shall, as soon as practicable after the adoption of this motion, meet in open session with the Senate conferees and the House conferees shall file a conference report consistent with the preceding provisions of this instruction, not later than Friday, July 18, 2003.

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Presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair of the United Kingdom: The House passed S. 709, to award a congressional gold medal to Prime Minister Tony Blair—clearing the measure for the President. **Page H6681**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:44 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H6676**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H6607.

Referral: S. 886 was referred to the Committee on Resources. **Page H6704**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6676–77, H6677–78, H6678, H6678–79, H6679–80, and H6680–81. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:47 p.m.

Committee Meetings

INTERIOR AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Testimony was heard from Representatives Taylor of North Carolina, Obey, and Dicks on H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further action was deferred.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a structured rule on H.R. 1950, Foreign Relations Authorization Act, FY 2004–2005, providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations now printed in the bill modified by the amendments recommended by the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce also printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on International Relations modified by the amendments recommended by the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution and en bloc amendments as described in section 2 of the resolution. The rule provides that amendments shall be considered only in the order specified in the report (except as specified in section 3 of the resolution), may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be debatable for

the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report and against en bloc amendments as described in section 2 of the resolution. The rule authorizes the chairman of the Committee on International Relations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled between the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations or their designees, and shall not be subject to amendment or demand for a division of the question. The rule provides that the original proponent and of an amendment included in such amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the Congressional Record immediately before the disposition of the amendments en bloc. The rule allows the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to recognize for the consideration of any amendment printed in the report out of the order printed, but not sooner than one hour after the Chairman of the Committee on International Relations or a designee announces from the floor a request to that effect. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hyde and Representatives Smith of New Jersey, Rohrabacher, Hostettler, Crane, Lantos, Sherman, Schiff, Bordallo, and Pallone.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies, business meeting to mark up proposed legislation making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, 3 p.m., SD-124.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the Compact of Free Association with the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine U.S. tax policy and its effect on the international competitiveness of U.S.-owned foreign operations, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine successes and challenges for U.S. policy relative to Haiti, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine certain situations where parents must relinquish custody in order to secure mental health services for their children, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Citizenship, to hold hearings to examine visa issuance, information sharing and enforcement in a post 9-11 environment, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the current status of VA hospitals, focusing on funding for VA medical care, enactment of Medicare reimbursement for non-service connected care, and the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services program (CARES), 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Appropriations, to mark up the following appropriations for fiscal year 2004: Energy and Water Development; and District of Columbia, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Legislative, on Capitol Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, to mark up appropriations for fiscal year 2004, 4 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, hearing on "Expanding Access to College in America: How the Higher Education Act Can Put College Within Reach," 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations and the Subcommittee on Select Revenue Measures of the Committee on Ways and Means, joint hearing on Examining Pension Security and Defined Benefit Plans: the Administration's Proposal to Replace the 30-year Treasury Rate, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, hearing on monetary policy and the state of the economy, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, oversight hearing on "Federal Information Systems Integration and Consolidation: Maximizing Technology Investment Across Agency Boundaries," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, to mark up H.R. 1997, Unborn Victims of Violence Act of 2003 or Laci and Conner's Law, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 708, to require the conveyance of certain National Forest System lands in Mendocino National Forest, California, to provide for the use of the proceeds from such conveyance for National Forest purposes; H.R. 884,